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SUBJ: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: FIRST JOINT
COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: MOSCOW 0206

1. SCST AND EMBASSY HAVE WORKED OUT FOLLOWING TENTATIVE TRAVEL
ARRANGEMENTS FOR US DELEGATIONS VISIT TO LENINGRAD:

JANUARY 16 - 24:00 - DEPART MOSCOW FOR LENINGRAD VIA TRAIN.
ARRIVE LENINGRAD AT APPROXIMATELY 08:00, JANUARY 17.

JANUARY 18 - 19:58 - FLY FROM LENINGRAD TO MOSCOW VIA AEROFLOT
FLIGHT 2430.

2. SCST WILL MAKE ABOVE TRAIN AND PLANE RESERVATIONS AND
DELEGATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR TICKETS UPON ARRIVAL.
TRAIN TO LENINGRAD COSTS 13.50 RUBLES AND FLIGHT BACK COSTS
20.00 RUBLES. ONE RUBLE EQUALS \$1.32 AT THE CURRENT RATE.

3. ABOVE SCHEDULE BASED ON PRESUMPTION THAT FLIGHTS FROM
LEINNGRAD WILL NOT BE DISRUPTED BY INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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US DELEGATION CANNOT RETURN TO MOSCOW BY TRAIN THE MORNING

OF JANUARY 19 IN TIME TO MAKE 08:15 FLIGHT TO PARIS. THIS, THE ONLY WAY TO ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEE JANUARY 19 DEPARTURE FOR PARIS WOULD BE FOR DELEGATION TO RETURN FROM LENINGRAD BY TRAIN THE EVENING OF JANUARY 17 THIS WOULD GIVE DELEGATION ONLY ONE DAY IN LENINGRAD AND WOULD PRECLUDE VISITS TO CULTURAL SITES. PLEASE ADVISE DECISION ON ABOVE ALTERNATIVES. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS RETURNING BY TRAIN ON JANUARY 17

4. SCST RECOMMENDS THAT SCHEFFEY AND POLANSKY TAKE TRAIN TO KIEV AND BACK TO MOSCOW INSTEAD OF JOINING MAIN GROUP IN LENINGRAD FOR ONE DAY VISIT THERE, IF GROUP ELECTS TO REMAIN IN LENINGRAD ON JANUARY 18. REASON FOR THIS IS TO AVOID TRAVEL COMPLICATIONS IN THE EVENT OF BAD FLYING WEATHER. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO SCHEFFEY AND POLANSKY.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON ABOVE AND QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.SOMMERLATTE

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